

GARDINER CITY COUNCIL Meeting
Wednesday, June 20, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL – all Councillors present
3. PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, & PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Consideration of Comments from the Public on Issues that Do Not Appear Elsewhere on the Agenda

Cindy Sirois gave a summary of current events. Public safety has addressed some issues out to the property. She has talked to Code Enforcement Officer and he came out to the house. She asked Chief Toman if they can look at splitting the shift changes because all the “actions” are happening at that time. Anthony’s Auto is cleaning up some of the cement on one side of the property.

Sirois asks for clarification on police officers duties when Chief Toman is not on duty. Mayor MacLean: What after hour’s activity would you like being seen to? Sirois: Hours that a business can operate. She also stated that she saw in the paper where it stated that the police can take over the code enforcement issues.

Jeff Kobrock explained that the council hasn’t discussed the police enforcing code enforcement issues so it’s unlikely that it was reported in the paper. Councilor Rambo inquired if Council approved some new language in recent ordinances. Jeff Kobrock responded that in the past the health officer needed to declare a place unfit and the code enforcement could enforced this by shutting the place of living down. Councillor Mentall stated that Police aren’t trained in code enforcement. Councillor Rambo suggested a workshop with Chief Toman

3.2 Public Hearing FY08 Wastewater Rates

Chuck Applebee spoke on the rates.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Consideration of accepting the May Warrants
Motion to Accept made by Councilor Nickless, Seconded by Councilor Rambo
VOTE Unanimous

- 4.2 Consideration of Councillor Mental signing the May Warrants
Motion to Accept made by Councilor Leblanc, Seconded by Councilor Nickless
VOTE Unanimous

- 4.2 Consideration of Order 07-12 Victulars Licenses
Motion to Accept made by Councilor Mentall, Seconded by Councilor Nickless
VOTE Unanimous

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Consideration of Second Reading of Resolution [07-07](#), Establishing Appropriations and Directing the Levy of Taxes of City Services

Motion to Accept made by Councilor Leblanc, Seconded by Councilor Dellert
VOTE Unanimous

5.2 Consideration of Second Reading Order [07-08](#), Establishing Appropriations for the Enterprise Accounts

Motion to Accept made by Councilor Nickless, Seconded by Councilor Nickless
VOTE Unanimous

5.3 Consideration of Order 07- 13 Various FY07 Appropriations

Motion to Accept made by Councilor Nickless, Seconded by Councilor Leblanc
VOTE Unanimous

5.4 Discussion of Firefighter Association Fundraising

Mayor MacLean conveyed that the public was concerned with the charity's goal (where the playground was to be) and whether there was use of the city telephone lines to raise the money. Rick Cody stated that the organization TCI America had their own phone lines and conducted the fundraising from their own offices. Mayor MacLean explained to Rick Cody that the Gardiner Fire Department's name had come up on people's caller ID when they received a call. Captain Cody was not aware of that. Councillor Blanchard asked if you go out and ask for money for one project that closes the door for asking for that same project again. We lost money on the split of the donations instead of getting more volunteers involved and not losing money on the split.

Councillor Blanchard stated the need for the City to be involved in something like this if you are going to use the City's name. Captain Cody explained that they made a little over \$11,000 and that most of the money will go back to the community

Mayor MacLean stated that the Council would like to have more info on the fundraising when the city is involved, if there is another project like this, and he also stated that the intentions were not to drag the fire department over the coals, the choice of the playground was a great idea, it's just the telemarketers got to involved in selling the idea of the playground.

Councillor Blanchard Excused himself from the rest of the meeting.

5.5 Consideration of Expanding Ambulance Service to Chelsea

Chief Kimball spoke on the current ambulance service for the town of Chelsea and that they were interested in being covered by Gardiner. Councilor Hart asked if they interested in having Gardiner cover all of Chelsea. Chief Kimball explained that there are places in Chelsea that Augusta is much closer to than Gardiner. Councillor Nickless questioned the number of calls that this is going to generate. Chief Kimball replied that they were comfortable and could handle the request explaining that patients will be going to Maine General anyway. Councillor Rambo asked if this would cause overtime issues. Chief Kimball replied that it would not.

Motion to Accept made by Councillor Rambo, Seconded by Councillor Nickless

Vote Unanimous

5.6 Consideration of Order 07-14 FY08 Wastewater Rates

Chuck Applebee presented the Wastewater Rates

Motion to Accept made by Councillor Mentall, Seconded by Councillor Nickless

Vote Unanimous

5.7 Consideration of Sewer Abatements

Motion to Accept made by Councillor Hart, Seconded by Councillor Rambo

Vote Unanimous

6. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Jeff Kobrock made clarification of the chief's vehicle being funded twice from last week's meeting. The Chief's vehicle is funded out of two different. The next meeting will be on July 11. An agenda item will be the investment practices of the City and banking services used by the city. Lynn Olsen will come back to develop a plan for the new audit regulations. The Meeting on July 18 will be a discussion on the playground at the common. Councillor Nickless asked for the different places where the playground can be built in the city. Councillor Leblanc would like to no if there any specific regulations from the trust of Gardiner with this piece of properties.

7. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Jeff Kobrock asked if the Councillors have travel plans.

Councillor Dellert wanted to thank Jeff for the common discussion and would love to be on the common committee. Councillor Hart passed on a good word for Public Works and that he sees people out there working at 6:30 am. Councillor Hart also asked if we always have someone sign the warrants and then we vote on them. Would it not make more sense to assign a councilor to the warrants and then vote on them? Is there supposed to be two weeks between the vote on the budget? Jeff Kobrock explained that we have to advertise a public hearing about the budget and that the council will be voting on it.

Councillor Rambo discussed the last e-mail from Bob Demers about the grant for MSAD # 11 technology purchase. He also suggested that we use money for the school playgrounds. Anytime there is a committee, perhaps someone from the council should be on the committee.

Councillor Nickless complimented the Council for the budget process, Public Works and Public Safety. Pope Street has become narrower from construction and that the No Parking on one side of the street has been suggested. Stop signs also need to be bigger.

Councillor Mentall agreed that the budget was a good process. Councillor Leblanc reminded the Council to participate the upcoming festivities in Gardiner and thanks Keith Edwards for the upcoming sidewalk events

Mayor MacLean is excited about the festivities on the downtown day. Jason is putting together a display about Economic Development project to be on display. Waterfront looks great!

8. ADJOURNMENT 8:55 p.m.